

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

VS.

Alan Howard LANE

**Magistrate's Case No.**

DEPUTY

'07 MJ 2521

**COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF**

**21 U.S.C. 952 and 960**

## Importation of a Controlled Substance

The undersigned complainant, being duly sworn, states:

## COUNT ONE

That on or about October 28, 2007, within the Southern District of California, defendant Alan Howard LANE, did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 272.80 kilograms of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960.

And the complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached statement of probable cause, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Signature of Complainant  
Enrique Martinez, Special Agent  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2007.

United States Magistrate Judge

1           **United States of America**

2           **vs.**

3           **Alan Howard LANE**

4           **STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

5           I, Special Agent ~~Molly Reeve~~, declare under penalty of perjury the following is true and correct:

*ENRIQUE MARTINEZ Jr. 10/29/07*

6           On October 28, 2007, at approximately 1951 hours, Alan Howard LANE entered the United States from  
7           the Republic of Mexico at the San Ysidro Port of Entry, San Diego, California. LANE was the driver  
8           and sole occupant of a 2004 GMC Canyon bearing CAUS/8F73606. The truck was pulling an enclosed  
9           trailer bearing CAUS/4JG5178. Customs and Border Protection Officer (CBPO) Delgado was working  
10          primary inspections when LANE entered the U.S. When CBPO Delgado asked LANE to turn off the  
11          vehicle and hand over the keys, CBPO Delgado noticed that LANE's hand was shaking uncontrollably.  
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13          CBP Canine Enforcement Officer (CEO) Drivdahl responded to screen the vehicle with his Narcotic  
14          Detector Dog (NDD) Suza. NDD Suza alerted to the presence of a narcotic odor emanating from the  
15          front end of the trailer.

16          CBPO Cranford conducted a cursory inspection of the vehicles. Upon opening the door to the trailer,  
17          CBPO Cranford noticed a strong odor of bleach coming from inside the trailer. CBPO Cranford  
18          discovered cellophane wrapped packages behind a false wall at the front of the trailer.  
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20          CBPO Arias conducted a systematic inspection of the vehicle and discovered a total of twenty-one  
21          packages inside the false wall in the trailer. The packages contained a green leafy substance which field-  
22          tested positive for marijuana. The combined total weight of the packages was 272.80 kilograms.  
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24          Post-Miranda, LANE admitted he was being paid \$1,000.00 to deliver the vehicle to San Diego,  
25          California. LANE stated that he knew the vehicle contained marijuana. LANE stated that he was to take  
26          the vehicle to the Wal-Mart off of Palm Ave in San Diego, California. LANE stated that he had driven  
27          loads of marijuana approximately twenty times previously. LANE stated that each time he would drive  
28          to the Wal-Mart on Palm Ave., and then drive the vehicle to somewhere North of Temecula, California.

1 LANE was arrested and charged with violation of Title 21 USC 952, 960, Importation of a Controlled  
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